

## Message Text

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ACTION SS-25

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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4036

INFO AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

S E C R E T DAMASCUS 2767

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, IS, SY

SUBJ: ASAD CRITICIZES AMB TOON'S REMARKS AT CREDENTIALS  
PRESENTATION

1. DURING OUR JULY 19 MEETING ASAD WITH NO WARNING STRONGLY  
CRITICIZED REMARKS WHICH HE CLAIMED AMBASSADOR TOON HAD  
MADE AT HIS PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS TO ISRAELI PRESIDENT.  
ACCORDING ASAD, TOON SUPPORTED ISRAELI POSITIONS ON OCCUPIED  
TERRITORIES AND "GAVE AWAY ARAB LANDS". I SAID I HAD NOT  
SEEN TEXT BUT ASKED WHETHER HE MIGHT BE REFERRING TO TOON'S  
SENATE HEARING COMMENTS, RECALLING EARLIER PRESS  
PLAY WHICH DISTORTED TOON'S EXPRESSION OF "PERSONAL  
OPINIONS." ASAD REPLIED TERSELY THAT REMARKS HE OBJECTED TO  
HAD BEEN MADE AT CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION ADDING THAT NO  
AMBASSADOR MAKES REMARKS ON SUCH OCCASIONS WHICH ARE  
"PERSONAL."

2. COMMENT: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT MAY  
HAVE ON ABOVE WHICH WOULD ALLOW ME CORRECT IMPRESSION ASAD  
HAS OF AMBASSADOR TOON'S REMARKS. DEPARTMENT WILL  
RECALL KHADDAM'S COMPLAINT TO ME JULY 10 ABOUT RABIN'S  
STATEMENTS ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES (DAMASCUS 2625) WHOSE  
ESSENCE HE LATER REPEATED AT ISLAMIC FONMIN CONFERENCE IN  
SEEKING JUSTIFY ISRAELI SUSPENSION FROM UN. TAKEN TOGETHER,  
ASAD'S AND KHADDAM'S CRITICISMS INDICATE A NEW EDGINESS  
IN DAMASCUS AND ARE REMINDERS HOW CAREFULLY BOTH OUR AND  
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ISRAELI STATEMENTS ARE BEING SCRUTINIZED HERE THESE DAYS.

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